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Response to Restriction Requirement (8 pgs.)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on October 28, 2004, in which a one month shortened statutory period for reply was set, Applicants elect Group I (claims 1, 3-15, 23, and 25-27), as identified by the Examiner.

The Restriction Requirement states that the Applicants must elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claims 1, 3-9, 11, 15, 23, and 25-27 are held to be generic. Applicants elect Species B (claim 13), also as identified by the Examiner.

In the Claims

1. (Previously Presented) A light controlling film, the film having a first surface and a second surface, comprising:
a polymerized polymer network, the polymer network varying spatially in a direction normal to the first surface, the polymerized polymer network comprising:
a crosslinked high molecular weight polymeric material; and
a low molecular weight liquid crystal material, the crosslinked high molecular weight polymeric material provided in an amount less than 20% by weight of the film,
wherein the high molecular weight and the low molecular weight form a material having cholesteric liquid crystal (CLC) order, the CLC order oriented with respect to the first and the second surfaces, the pitch of the CLC order varying non-linearly in a direction perpendicular to the first surface, and